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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO FRG ON ADMITTING INDOCHINESE
REFUGEES

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PENDLETON, CHAFFEE AND INDIANTOWN GAP FOR SENIOR
CIVIL COORDINATOR
FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM THE AMBASSADOR

1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL I CALLED ON MINISTER OF STATE
MOERSCH SEPTEMBER 11 IN THE ABSENCE OF FONMIN GENSCHER,
WHO IS IN VENICE WITH THE OTHER EC-9 FOREIGN
MINISTERS.

2. I ASKED MOERSCH TO TAKE STEPS TO EXPEDITE THE
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PROCESSING OF PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR RESETTLEMENT TO

THE FRG. I REQUESTED FURTHER THAT MOERSCH SEEK AUTHORITY FOR THE FRG TO ACCEPT SEVERAL THOUSAND REFUGEES FROM THOSE WHO ARE LIVING IN DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS IN EAST ASIA.

3. MOERSCH SAID HE WOULD BRING OUR REQUESTS TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER. OUR REQUEST FOR THE FRG TO ACCEPT SEVERAL THOUSAND NEW REFUGEES MUST BE CONSIDERED BY THE FEDERAL CABINET, WHICH WILL THEN HAVE TO CONSULT WITH THE MINISTER PRESIDENTS OF THE LAENDER.

4. MOERSCH SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD BROUGHT OUR DEMARCHE OF AUGUST 25 (BONN 13867) TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, WITH A REQUEST THAT HE IMPRESS UPON THE LAENDER THE NECESSITY OF EXPEDITIOUSLY PROCESSING PENDING APPLICATIONS. THE LAENDER WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE FRG HAS FOUND THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE REFUGEES IN THE COUNTRY THAN IT HAD PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT, MANY OF THEM ILLEGALLY. THEIR ESTIMATED NUMBER HAS RISEN FROM 1,800 TO 3,000.

5. MOERSCH EMPHASIZED THAT NO REFUGEE IN THE FRG, ILLEGALLY OR NOT, WILL BE FORCED TO LEAVE. THE FRG WILL ACCEPT ALL 3,000.

6. THE FRG IS REACTING TO OUR HIGH LEVEL APPROACHES. I BELIEVE WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS TOWARD MOVING OUT OF THE US SYSTEM THOSE REFUGEES WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE FRG IN SPITE OF REAL PROBLEMS THE LAENDER HAVE (SHORTAGE OF SOCIAL FUNDS, CONSTANTLY INCREASING NUMBER OF REFUGEES ALREADY HERE, ETC). OUR REQUEST THAT THE FRG UNDERTAKE A LARGER SCALE PROGRAM WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. IT MAY PROVE BENEFICIAL TO PURSUE THIS REQUEST WITH GENSCHER WHEN HE COMES TO THE UNGA LATER THIS MONTH. WE SHALL ALSO CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE MATTER HERE.
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